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TO: DEGEN PIPE AND SUPPLY COMPANY
5000 SOUTHWEST BLVD
P.O. BOX 9307
TULSA OKLAHOMA, 74107
PHONE (918) 446-6152
TELEX: 4947510 MIDPIPE TULSA ATTN MR. DEGEN

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: BDIS, SY
SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINT: TARANI VS. DEGEN PIPE AND SUPPLY
COMPANY.

1. LOCAL BUSINESSMAN MUSTAPHA SULEIMAN TARANI HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY WITH COMPLAINT REGARDING SHIPMENT OF GOODS BOUGHT BY HIM FROM YOUR COMPANY. MR. TARANI SHOWED ME AN INVOICE NUMBERED 32377, 32378 (JANUARY 20, 1978) FOR METAL PRODUCTS COSTING US DOLLARS 48,015, SPECIFIED C AND F LATTAKIA, SYRIA. HE ALSO SHOWED ME BILLS OF LADING FROM INTERMODAL CONTAINER AND FROM COSTA LINE IN GENOA SHOWING THAT GOODS WERE SHIPPED TO BEIRUT, WHERE THEY ARRIVED APRIL 12. GOODS HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED FROM PORT, HOWEVER, FOR TWO REASONS: 1) INTERMODAL SHIPPING AGENCY IN BEIRUT, GLOBEX, SHIPPING (P.O. BOX 11-1446, TLX GLOMAR 21101 LE) INFORMED TARANI THAT OCEAN FREIGHT TO COSTA LINE NOT YET PAID.; 2) RECENT OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES HAVE MADE CLEARING OPERATIONS DIFFICULT.

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2. MR. TARANI CLAIMS TO HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS LOSSES BECAUSE OF HOLD UP AT BEIRUT PORT. HE IS UNWILLING TO RISK GOING TO BEIRUT TO CLEAR GOODS. HE WANTS DEGEN PIPE AND SUPPLY COMPANY TO SHIP GOODS TO LATTAKIA, AS ORIGINALLY AGREED TO. HE REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING UP THIS MATTER.

3. PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH ANY
INFORMATION OR COMMENTS YOU HAVE. ADDRESS IS U.S.
EMBASSY, ABU ROUMANNEH, AL-MANSOUR STREET NO.2, P.O.
BOX 29, DAMASCUS, SYRIA. TELEX: 11919 USDAMA. /SIGNED/
DENNIS A. MICHAUD, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE.
PELLETREAU

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